

Local Agency Conference Call

April 7, 2016



State Update / Announcements

- WFSG- May 16th half day in Bozeman (11-3)
- New WIC Work Group- MAWA
- Survey coming:
 - TV or Computer kiosk
 - Remote education
 - Training topics via webex
- Funding
- MOUs

Vendor Announcement

Retailer Monitoring
due by end of August

Step 4: CHECK MINIMUM WIC STOCKING REQUIREMENTS

Conduct an on-site inventory to ensure that the retailer has sufficient quantities of WIC approved items to meet participant demand. Quantities are based on the amounts needed to fill a benefit for one pregnant woman, one infant, and one child. **If the store does not meet minimum requirements in any area, comment on the deficiency, ask the store to order the missing items immediately, and notify the state office after the visit. Return to the store within 30 days to verify the items have been stocked.**

Refer to the Approved Food List for authorized brands/types.

Food Item	Minimum Requirements	Y/N	Comments
Milk	3 gallons of reduced fat		
Reduced fat (skim or 1% - choose one) and Whole	3 gallons of whole		
	3 half-gallons of reduced fat		
	3 half-gallons of whole		
Cheese	3 – 16 oz packages of two flavor varieties		
16 or 8 oz packages	OR 6 – 8 oz packages of two flavor varieties		
Eggs dozens only	3 dozen		
Breakfast Cereal	2 boxes of three varieties cold AND		
Any size packages of cold cereal AND 12 – 11 oz packages hot cereal	2 boxes of one variety hot (one of the cold or hot varieties must be whole grain)		
Whole Grain Items			
16 oz loaves whole wheat bread AND	3 loaves of bread AND		
16 - 15 oz packages brown rice and/or 14-16 oz. instant rice	3 packages of regular or quick/minute brown rice		
Juices	3 cans of two different flavors – frozen AND		
12 - 11.5 oz frozen AND 64 oz plastic bottles	3 bottles of two different flavors - bottled		



eWIC Updates

- **eWIC Retailer Working Group Call**
 - High level overview, lots of interest & participation
- **UPC Collection**
 - Manually scanning (almost) all stores
 - Starting in May
 - We need your help
- **Retailer Enablement**
- **Local Agency Training**



eWIC Updates

- **Retailer Enablement**
- **Currently assisting stores in upgrading their POS systems for eWIC.**
- **Grant funding available**



eWIC Updates

- **Local Agency Training**
 - Trainings in Helena in January for pilot area
 - 2.5 days in training



Admin Updates

- **April is Time Study Month**
- **April 15th Deadline for Forms Order**
- **Civil Rights Training**



Admin Updates

- **Tribal Eligibility Refresher**
 - Tribal participants/applicants may self-declare their income verbally or in a signed, written statement.
 - If income is higher than the allowed amount, assess for adjunctive eligibility or check proof of income.
 - Must be an enrolled member of the tribe(s) where they reside; any household member's enrollment will qualify the applying household.



Nutrition Updates

- Breastfeeding
 - Revised Breast Pump Log
 - Added Justification—record it
 - Check Policy 7.3 Breast Pump Issuance
 - Concise note in participant folder under Manage Notes
 - Remember to bring your breast model to the Spring WIC Meeting segment



Montana WIC Program
Breast Pump Log



Participant Name & ID	Type of Pump (M,SU, MU)	Issuer	Justification for Issuance of Breast Pump and Type	Education Provided to Participant on Pumping Document Topics Addressed	Date Issued	Date of Expected Return	Date of Return	MU Type Date and Initials Cleaned	Partici- pant phone number



Nutrition Updates

- Other possible breastfeeding training/CEU options
 - Certified Lactation Specialist Billings June 20-24, 2016
 - Submit an application attached to minutes and next week's newsletter
 - Dependent on \$\$ remaining
 - NWA Nutrition and Breastfeeding Conference Denver September 8-10, 2016
 - Unsure of funding coverage at this time
 - Mix of nutrition and breastfeeding topics
 - WIC staff from other states
 - vendors specific to nutrition and breastfeeding



Nutrition Updates

- Applications by new Local WIC Breastfeeding Peer Counselor Programs
 - Submitted by lead agency
 - Attachment to minutes of call with more details of what to include in your plan
 - Due May 13, 2016 to apply for 2017 funds



Nutrition Updates

- Required Education Reminders
 - Exit Counseling
 - Located on the WIC Website
 - Word Documents- fill with agency specific information
 - Substance Abuse Forms
 - Tear pads
 - Must be given at all certification appointments



NWA Leadership Conference



QUESTIONS?



Next Call Date

June 2, 2016 9:00AM

